

MARRIED WOMAN OF ONLY SIXTEEN YEARS

Tells the story on the stand how she was outraged by William T. Caples. Her story was a weak one but Caples was held to the district court

The report that a young woman was to testify in a sensational case Friday afternoon brought to the offices of Justice of the Peace Winfrey a large crowd of men to hear the testimony. The case before the court was one in which William T. Caples was charged with the rape of Mrs. Emma Anderson. The justice's rooms were small and warm, and adjournment was taken to the district court room. Before the trial all boys over sixteen were put out of the house.

The first witness was the woman who alleged she had been wronged. According to her testimony she met Caples here in a drug store. She lives at Chagris, and was here, trying to secure bail for her husband, who at that time was in the county jail. Caples asked her if she made the hotel. She answered in the negative and Caples offered to help her. He told her he thought Mrs. Thomas would go on the bond and asked if she would accompany him to Thomas' house. She agreed and they left town Monday afternoon in a buggy. Caples went in the wrong direction to go to Thomas'. The couple started west, met a colored woman and asked her way to Thomas'. She told him how to go. The couple was soon lost again, inquired of a number of people and found their way could not find a way out. They then gave out and they were compelled to leave them from the buggy and let them graze and rest. The woman was wet and cold and nervous, and was shaking. Caples put his arm around her. She resisted and asked him what he took her for. Caples put his gun on the buggy seat and told her she had as well come across. A scuffle, lasting an hour, ensued, and the woman testified that he accomplished his purpose. The horses were then sent for and the trip into town was made. It was about 2 o'clock in the morning when they arrived. They went to the Caples home in Southwest Ardmore. No one was there. The back door was unlocked. The woman stayed there alone. She did not sleep until daylight. Then she went to sleep and never woke until Caples went to the house about noon on Tuesday and around her. She then went to the home of J. T. Byars, where she is staying. She did not tell anyone what had happened. She told her husband Thursday morning.

On cross examination the same witness stated that she came to Ardmore from her home at Chagris last Saturday. On the Sunday following she went to the home of J. T. Byars. She repeated the story of the buggy ride and said Caples asked her to go with him to Tennessee. The complaining witness was asked how long she knew her husband before they were married. She replied that it was none of the business of the court to know. It developed, however, that she was married to her husband on the 21st of last February. They married in Knoxville, Tenn. She had been working by the week and went to Knoxville to answer the advertisement of a man who wanted a girl to work in a jewelry store. When she reached there the man told her that she suited him for a wife and offered to marry her on the day of her arrival. They did not marry that day but did on the day following. After the buggy ride she saw Caples at the Farmers National bank cashier and returned him the key to his house and afterwards saw him at Noble Bros. store. H. H. Brown, who conducted the case for the defense, asked the witness about the clothing she wore while on the trip to the country, and

wound up with a bit of spiky testimony and then he left for the district court.

Mrs. J. T. Byers was called to the witness stand. She testified that she met Mrs. Anderson soon after they arrived from Tennessee. Mrs. Anderson has been in Ardmore several times since they moved to the country and always stopped at the Byers home. She said Mrs. Anderson had always conducted herself as a perfect lady. She was at home when Mrs. Anderson came in after having stayed all night at the Caples home. Mrs. Anderson was crying. She asked her what had gone wrong and Mrs. Anderson made three attempts to tell her but each time broke down in tears and was not able to tell her story.

Nancy Franklin, a negro woman, was put on the stand. She told of Caples and the woman calling at a home where she was and inquiring where Thomas lived. She said she saw the man driving the buggy did not follow the directions she gave him. Mrs. Franklin, who lives seven miles southwest of Ardmore, was a witness. She told of Caples and the woman driving up to her house and inquiring the way to Ardmore. She told them that her directions were not followed and she said the roads were bad and not easily followed by a stranger.

Virge Kirkwood was next as a witness. He gave the couple in the buggy directions to come to Ardmore. He was then late. He said the woman seemed very anxious to get to town. George White testified that Thomas lives about seven miles southwest of Ardmore and had a telephone in his house but did not know whether Caples knew this or not. J. T. Byars, another witness, said he was at home eating his dinner when Mrs. Anderson came in after having spent the night at the Caples home. Her eyes were swollen and she seemed nervous. He did not talk with her or ask her any questions.

The defendant, W. T. Caples, was put on the stand. He said he was trying to make bond for Anderson who was in jail. He talked to the county attorney and asked him to reduce this bond. He also asked Sam Noble to go on the bond. He believed Charles Thomas could be induced to sign the bond and took the woman with him because he believed she would have greater success with Thomas than he could. He did not know where Thomas lived, but thought he lived south of Ardmore. He told of the wandering drive through pastures and through farms. How it rained, how the roads were dim and how tired his own became. He entered a general dental office that was claimed by the woman in a criminal way and said he did not touch her. He took her to his home and left her. Came to town, put up the team and went to bed. At noon the woman still there and asleep. He woke her, talked to her awhile and she left for the Byers home. The woman told him of the sensational case in which she married and gave him a card bearing her Tennessee address. Caples said he did not know how many different crimes he had been arrested once on the charge of rape.

Walton Tullis, who drives a drag wagon, testified that he went to the house with Caples when he found the woman there asleep. Caples knocked on the door five or six times and had to go to the back door before he could wake her. She unlocked the door and Caples entered. The couple talked some and he saw nothing out of the way and saw no excitement on the part of the woman of her and feeling any from fear.

IS CZAR GOING INSANE

RUSSIA'S EMPEROR WORRIED BY Nihilists—Is in constant dread of death.

Paris, July 18.—Fear that the czar is in danger of going insane, and not any special desire on his own part is said here to be the real reason why Emperor Nicholas is to leave Russia for a series of visits to Vienna, Rome and Paris.

The czar is known in Russia now as "Nicholas the Lonesome" and the many months of actual imprisonment at Czarskoe-Selo interrupted only by his short visits to Revel have played havoc with the mental condition of the unhappy ruler, who lives in constant fear of death though he has no desire to live but for his love of his wife and children.

How great is the fear of nihilistic plots at the czar's court is shown by the fact that the little town of Czarskoe-Selo is garrisoned by 1,500 police agents, that is to say, that there are more than one to each house and besides these there are more than 400 detectives guarding the imperial palace and all the military garrisons.

The telephone service between Czarskoe-Selo and St. Petersburg is under constant surveillance and every conversation is written down and submitted to the chief of the secret service, general Dedulin, who also opens every letter and reads every postal card which arrives at the postoffice.

The czar himself is indeed a lonesome man. With the exception of the Grand Duke Peter and Nicholas Niebojievitch, he has no relations. He has not a single confidential friend. His life aside from military parades and official audiences far more secluded than formerly.

The czar speaks with Stolypin about domestic politics in which he is much more interested than before, but he never speaks on his mind. A short time ago the court camarilla was greatly worried because Czar Nicholas had a private conversation lasting for more than two hours with the president of the duma, Chomjakoff. The court dislikes Chomjakoff, in whom many see the "coming man" and everything is being done to isolate the czar even more than at present.

Very much against his usual habit, Nicholas stays up late nights. He spends much time reading and studies every word of the stenographic reports of the proceedings of the duma. At midnight every night he is called up on the telephone by Stolypin, who reads to him over the phone long secret reports and it is an old rule after two hours the czar retires.

A very unpleasant incident, which is kept strictly secret has taken place in the czar's own household. A few days ago a number of servants and minor palace officials handed Czar Nicholas a petition in which they complained that for many months they had received no wages.

The czar turned the matter over not to General Dedulin, chief of the secret service, but Baron Fredericks, minister to the imperial household. It was found that a certain angel, Tscherep, Spiridovitch, had been embezzling large amounts from the czar's privy purse, and had made the servants sign blank receipts which he afterward filled in to make it appear that wages had been paid for many months. He was instantly discharged, but not punished, as Nicholas wanted to keep the matter secret.

VALUE OF BERMUDA GRASS.

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Guthrie, Okla., July 18.—The Jersey cow and Bermuda grass is the best combination for the Oklahoma farmer, according to Charles E. Barrett, secretary of the Oklahoma state board of agriculture, who says that the board will make an especial campaign during the coming year to interest the farmers of the state in these two subjects. Bermuda grass and dairy farming.

Bermuda grass is recommended especially for the hillside and rough land which washes so badly in a time of heavy rainfall. The Bermuda makes a solid mat and it would take a flow almost like Niagara to wash away the dirt from beneath it. It is also pointed out by the advocates of the hardy grass that it would do much to lessen flood damage. The water cannot rush in torrents through a field of Bermuda grass as it can down a bare hillside, and a great deal of the water soaks in as it goes over. The railroads in Oklahoma are also taking up the Bermuda proposition, realizing that the only way in which they can save their grades from serious damage in time of flood is to have them protected by such a mat of vegetation as Bermuda alone can furnish. The Prisco has already placed a big order for Bermuda, and will begin putting it out at once.

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CHARACTER SKETCHES BY BOOT-BLACK--DENVER CONVENTION

Early on the morning of July 18, an aggregation of Ardmore's best citizens and truest democrats stepped aboard the east bound Frisco train to this city, and set their faces toward Denver, the city among the clouds.

After making satisfactory arrangements with me to run their errands, and keep their secrets, and to perform all the duties pertaining to the "offices of a second class bootblack," we proceeded to square ourselves with the conductor and get down to business.

Nothing out of the ordinary happened between Ardmore and Holdenville to mar the happiness of anyone, except I began to have "suspensions" about my "fodder," for in all my life I did I ever see men store away all that was theirs by right and inheritance, and I was forced to content myself with the "shucks and cohs."

Holdenville in sight and I already begin to see the swarms of democrats to address and sympathizers on the platform, so meet and greet the Ardmore delegation, and swell the hosts by taking on a goodly number round for the same place and bent on the same mission.

All seemed delighted by the way people received our delegates, and bade them God speed, "bon voyage," be good, tell them that you saw me, and all like that, so I thought they were going to eat again.

But presently there stepped onto our train a certain Mr. J. S. McNally, division passenger agent, and the way he did make every one feel at home, and soon notified us that the entire Rock Island system of railroads were to contribute to our comfort and pleasure, while his guests, and in all my travels with "bishops" and dignitaries of various stations and tribes, I never observed a more courteous and painstaking gentleman.

I feel it my duty to make special mention of this compliment to our company, and I heard on every lip and tongue the one expression that in all our travels "from gloom to back again" did we ever find an officer of any concern who was duty bent on showing his guests all the courtesies that would in any way contribute to their happiness and pleasure. Even going so far as to extend our tickets and giving "layovers" without our having so much as to ask for it.

In the big convention when the wildest demonstrations were in progress and when banners were flying the highest, Judge Stillwell H. Russell held the Ardmore banner five feet higher than any other in the entire convention.

So I am constrained to now ask all my "white friends" when they start on a vacation not to overlook the famous "Rock Island."

Oklahoma City, and before you know it, we are again surrounded by friends and loyal democrats, who have come to wish us "smooth sailing" and to put aboard our train as true and tried a delegation as ever followed the democratic flag, and among them our own "leg" trustee, then when none took higher honors, as you will see by and by.

We are now sailing across the Kansas prairie farms and I do believe that no houses or farms exceed those in beauty and fertility, unless it be the homes and farms of the grand state of Oklahoma.

Saturday morning, July 18, before we know it and we are now flying across the plains toward Denver, and here comes Mr. J. B. Champion, the young giant of Ardmore's Democratic Club, and I am to shine his shoes, and make him as prim as can be for the next appearing. But listen, they tell us it is not Denver, but Lincoln, the home of our next president, and so the boys for now are to greet the old and the fastest "war horse" in the party, Judge Stillwell H. Russell, who is to present to Mr. Bryan the copy of the constitution of our new state, and I wish all the Ardmore people could have been there to have heard those eloquent words, and well rounded periods, as they fell from the lips of that honored and gifted son of our city, as told Mr. Bryan of his services to the new state and reminded him that the child of this new creation was largely indebted to him and to the undying principles for which we are all contending and that it was a pleasure to present this to him, and it was a genuine delight to stand in the presence of him and his household and offer to him the services and homage of the Ardmore delegation, whose democracy never knew any shadow of turning.

Then followed the presentation of the beautiful banner to Mr. Bryan by Col. Sidney Suggs, of whom all have heard and read in all the great papers and suffice to say that the speech of presentation was bound by a solemn promise on the part of Mr. Bryan to Col. Suggs that if elected president, that a favored son of Ardmore was to carry this gift of the Ardmore Democratic Club into the white house at Washington, at the head of the inaugural parade.

Now on to Denver, and here we come rising gradually, higher and higher, until we feel that everything around and about us is below us. Rolling slowly in to Union Station we disembark and form in line, Col. Suggs heading the parade bearing the Oklahoma banner, and followed by the delegation, and two brass bands, up 17th street to the Brown Palace hotel, 14 blocks away, and having to carry the banner and pull the additional weight of J. B. Champion and W. F. Gilmer who were hanging on to the corners of the flag and refusing to leave this country people. But such is life with country people.

At the Brown hotel at last, and before we know it a temporary stand had been improvised, and the eloquent Lee Crue was upon it pouring forth as he only can pure democratic doctrine to the inhabitants of and in the city of Denver.

You may boast of popularity, but let me tell you that Congressman Chas. D. Carter of Ardmore had the attention and many honors of all the people in our company, and especially the politicians, and ladies. They say he is a coming man, but if I can see straight, he is already here. Talk to me about travelers, but I believe Mr. Carter is the best traveler in the "bunch." Why when Mr. Randall and Louis Jeddetter would get homesick he would simply apply some kind of "speech" to their mouth, and that would be the last of it for a day or so.

Everybody seems to want to shake Mr. Carter's hand at once, under made me feel sorry for the others. Well I don't know, either, there was Mr. Terry, who seemed to know everybody, and had been to every place where we went and could stand and tell you all about how he and zeb Pike happened to find "Pike's Peak," and how they fought the wild tribes back and gave us this "beautiful" land, as a heritage for our "Summer delights."

Then Mayor Dick is not to be overlooked either, for let me tell you that he and Judge Mason let several of the people where we went know that they were not accounted small "potatoes" in Ardmore.

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